

REMARKS

Claims 12 and 14-22 are pending in this application. Claims 1-11 and 13 have been canceled, claim 12 has been amended and new claims 14-22 have been added.

Claim 12 has been amended to be independent and to incorporate the limitations of base claim 1. An additional limitation regarding the "polymer having a molecular weight of several tens of thousands to 5 million" has also been added to claim 12. This additional limitation finds support in the specification when the teachings on page 25, line 12, and on page 7, lines 5-6 are combined.

New claims 14-22 are supported by the recitation of originally multiply dependent claim 12.

The above amendment to the claim has been made to correct the dependency of the claim and to put the application in better condition for examination.

A marked-up version showing the changes made by the present amendment is attached hereto as "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (Amended) A method for joining members comprising the steps of:

placing the sheet-form, curable pressure-sensitive adhesive ~~in accordance with any one of~~
~~preceding claims 1-10~~ on one of said members, said curable pressure sensitive adhesive comprising
a composition including:

(A) a high molecular weight polymer having a pressure-sensitive adhesive property
and having a molecular weight of several tens of thousands to 5 million;

(B) a compound containing an epoxy group; and

(C) a polymerization initiator which, when an activation energy is applied thereto,
initiates the compound (B) to under go a ring-opening polymerization; and

irradiating the sheet-form, curable pressure sensitive adhesive with an ultraviolet light having
an intensity greater than 1 mW/cm² in a wavelength range exceeding 300 nm, either before or after
said one member is adhered to another member via the sheet-form, curable pressure-sensitive
adhesive.